



**City of Los Angeles
WATERSHED PROTECTION DIVISION
ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT & EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT**

**"OPERATION HEALTHY STREETS"
SKID ROW REPORT**

Thursday, February 11, 2016

**MAINTENANCE "Comprehensive Cleaning"
TEAM 1**

SYNOPSIS

February 11, 2016 – cleanup of homeless encampments authorized for San Julian Street, between 5th and 6th Streets, Los Angeles, CA 90014 (Day 2). Hazardous waste was located, identified, and removed for disposal.



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
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COMPLAINT INSPECTION REPORT**



DATE: February 11, 2016

CASE ID NUMBER: 25410

INCIDENT LOCATION: DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, SKID ROW AREA

LEAD INSPECTOR: Witter/Metcalf (Team 1)

SUBJECT: SKID ROW CLEANUP - "OPERATION HEALTHY STREETS"

REPORT:

MITIGATION/ACTION PLAN

On **Thursday, February 11, 2016**, Watershed Protection Division (WPD) Environmental Officers Tim Witter and Ron Metcalf (Team 1) were dispatched to the Skid Row area of Downtown Los Angeles to address illegal dumping and public health concerns in the public right-of-way. Two teams from WPD were dispatched to Skid Row; the other team (Team 2) consisted of Environmental Compliance Officer Ernesto Garcia and Tony Teo. Each "Sanitation Team" was to consist of two WPD Inspectors, one Wastewater Collection Systems Division (WCSD) Vector Truck Crew (2 employees), and one remediation contractor team (2 employees) from Clean Harbors Environmental Services.

At approximately 0830 hours at Gladys and 5th Street, a briefing was conducted with all of the team members from the WPD, BOSS, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), WCSD, Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and CHES regarding the implementation of clean-up measures in response to the LA County Public Health report. All immediate public health threats, which would be observed, would be removed immediately. The clean-up measures included the removal of all illegally-dumped, solid waste that could negatively affect public health and the storm drain system, including all hypodermic needles, feces, urine, and other potentially hazardous materials or waste.

Summary of the protocol (OPERATION HEALTHY STREETS)

Maintenance "Comprehensive Cleaning" Operations were to be conducted in the Skid Row area of Downtown Los Angeles. WPD Inspectors shall inspect the public right-of-ways to search for items and substances and to make a determination as to whether the item or substance posed a health hazard. Personal items, which were determined to be a non-health hazard, will be logged in by BOSS and transported to the nearest storage center for 90-day recovery. The Bureau of Sanitation Teams and Clean Harbors Environmental Services will follow by removing all hypodermic needles/sharps, feces, urine, and any potentially hazardous materials/waste in the public right-of-way. BOS will pressure-wash the sidewalk and street gutter. Clean Harbors will then sanitize a second time the sidewalk and street gutter. Clean Harbors Environmental Services will sanitize the sidewalks and street gutter. BOSS will sweep the streets, remove trash, debris and provide a Street Sweeper to clean the gutter. The Los Angeles Police Department would provide security and traffic management for the clean-up teams. The Los Angeles Department of Transportation Traffic Officers provided traffic control. **Refer to the Operation Healthy Streets Protocol for detailed information.**

The goal for today's operations was to perform "Comprehensive Cleaning" of all public right-of-ways located on **San Julian Street, between 5th and 6th Streets** in the Skid Row area of Downtown Los Angeles (Figure 1).

At 0845 hours a full lane closure was implemented on **San Julian, between 5th and 6th Streets**. WPD officers (Team 2) would inspect the west side of San Julian Street for hazardous and non-hazardous items. There was one (1) location where potential personal items were found left on the public right-of-way.

- **Location #1- San Julian Street, west sidewalk by the park. Unattended property**
 - **Health hazards and/or items for disposal**
 - Chair, torn [1]
 - Miscellaneous trash and debris
 - **Hazardous Waste**
 - urine [1]
 - feces, 5-gallon bucket [1]
 - **Storage**
 - Bag 1
 - Chair [3]

One (1) bag of property was saved. Remaining articles from location #1 were determined as a health hazard and were disposed of accordingly.

Total Hazardous Waste collected by Team #1:

Sharps	[5]
Urine	[34]
Feces	[16]
Drug paraphernalia	[1]

MITIGATION/CLEANUP

WPD Inspectors indicated BOSS which items would be disposed of in the landfill and which items that were hazardous or potentially hazardous for disposal at an incineration facility. BOSS, WCSD washed the sidewalks and street gutters using a high pressure washer machine. CHES followed by spraying sanitizer on the right-of-ways. A BOSS street sweeper swept the street and gutter. The traffic lane closures were re-opened to vehicle traffic and pedestrian access after the clean-up operations were completed. The clean-up operations were completed at approximately 1015 hours.

Contaminated debris, which was not vacuumed up by WCSD, was then packed up for proper transport and disposal by Clean Harbors Environmental Services under uniform hazardous waste manifest # **009495261FLE**. **The total amount of trash collected by Sanitation Solids truck was approximately 0.5 tons and total amount collected by Street Services were 4 cubic yards.** Operations were concluded and WPD Inspectors were off-site at 1015 hours.

EVIDENCE/SAMPLES

On Friday, February 11, 2016, there were approximately sixty-four (64) photographs taken documenting the clean-up operations by WPD Officer Witter. No physical samples were collected.



Figure 1. Skid Row Area Map from IAP.



Figure 2a.
Before clean-up: Corner San Julian and 5th Streets
[Photograph taken 02/11/2016 by Witter]



Figure 2b.
After clean-up: Corner San Julian and 5th Streets



Figure 3a.
Before Clean-up: 531 San Julian Street
[Photograph taken 02/11/2016 by Witter]

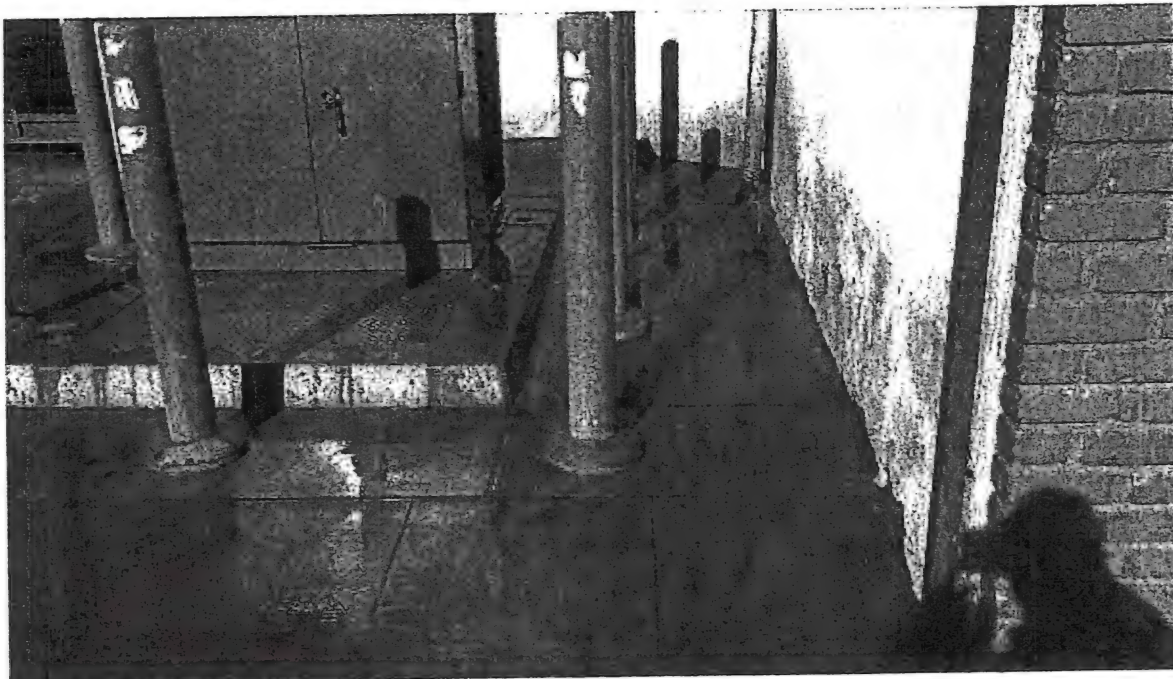


Figure 3b.
After Clean-up: 531 San Julian Street

[Photograph taken 02/11/2016 by Witter]

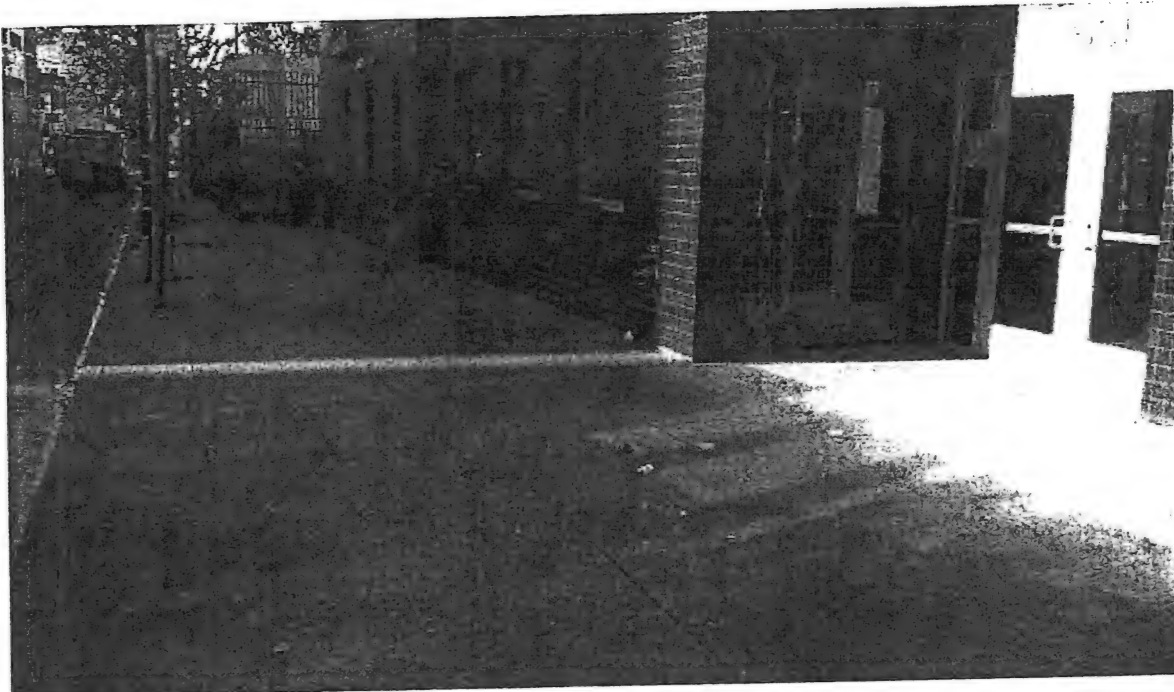


Figure 4a.
Before Clean-up: 531 San Julian Street
[Photograph taken 02/11/2016 by Witter]



Figure 4b.
After Clean-up: 531 San Julian Street
[Photograph taken 02/11/2016 by Witter]

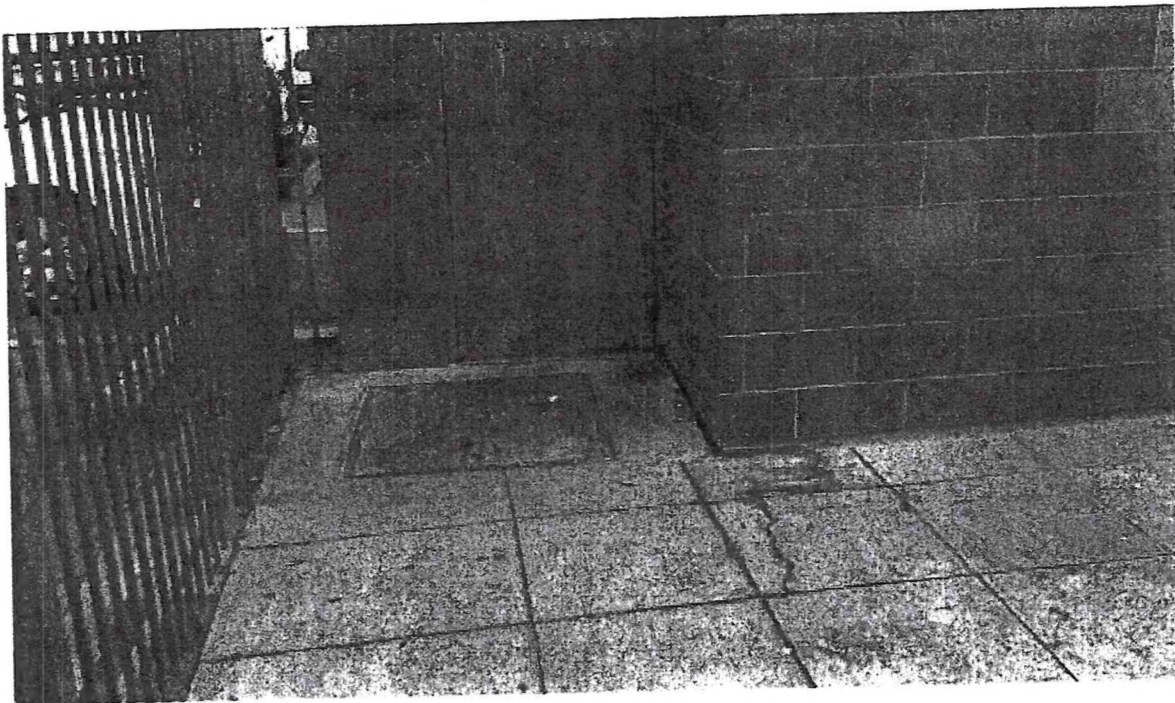


Figure 5a.
Before Clean-up: feces
[Photograph taken 02/11/2016 by Witter]

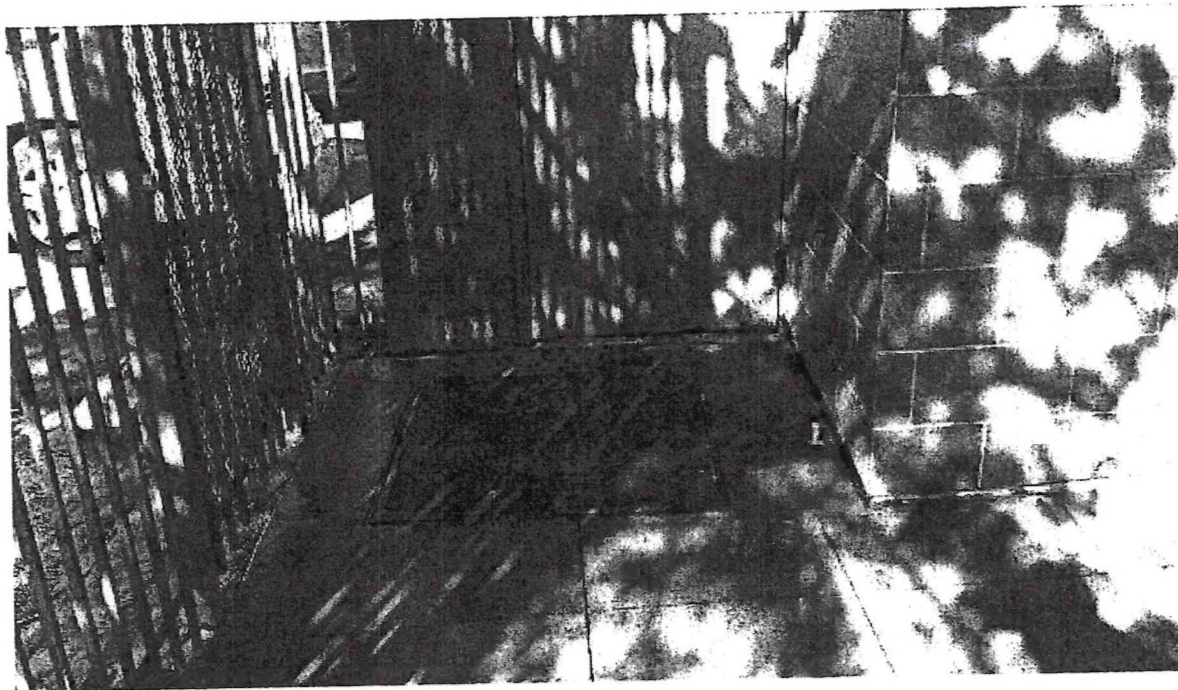


Figure 5b.
After clean-up.
[Photograph taken 02/11/2016 by Witter]

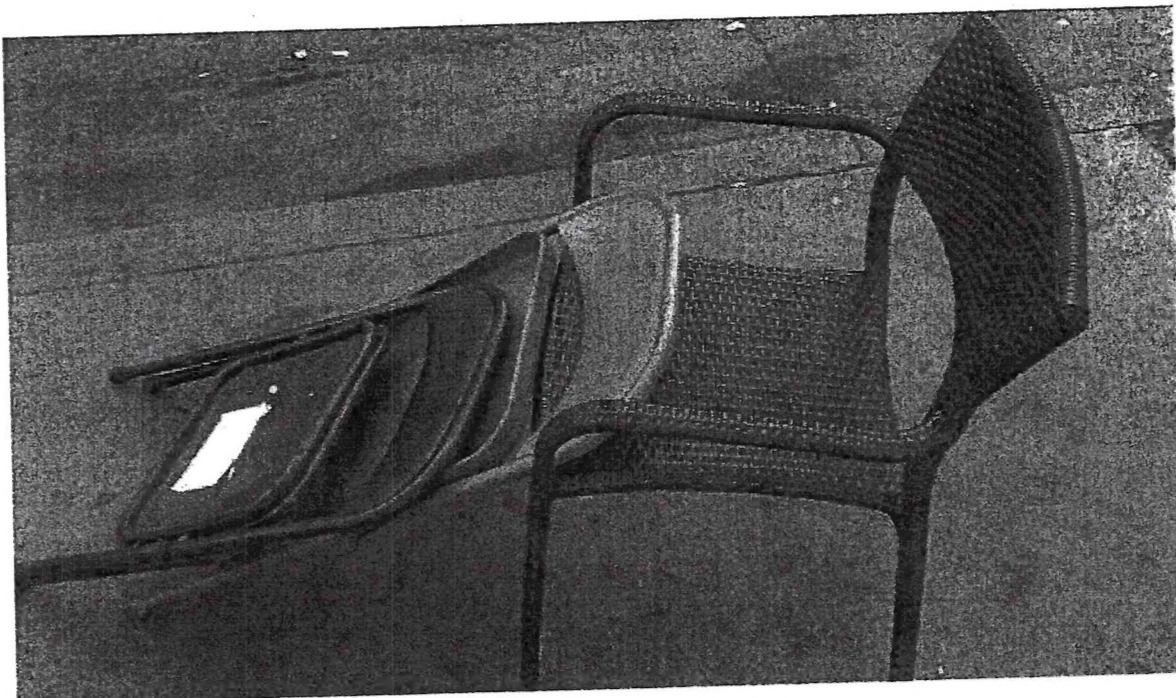


Figure 6.
Chairs saved at Location #1.
[Photograph taken 02/11/2016 by Witter]

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SR. OFFICER'S INITIAL: _____

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